

To the FCC:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a biased documentary on a political candidate days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for them and their bottom line and less of what we citizens need for our democracy. The media plays such an important role in our democracy and it is our job to protect the airwaves from electioneering.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.